FORTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH, COPIAH COUNTY,

OCTOBER 2, 1852.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met, pursuant to adjournment, with the Mount Zion Church, Copiah county, Miss. In consequence of the failure of Elder Calvin Magee, Elder A. McKenzie (his alternate) preached the Introductory Sermon, from the General Epistle of Jude, the latter clause of the 3d verse.

ITEM 1. After a short recess, the Association was called to order, and prayer made by the Moderator, Elder Z. Reeves.

2. Appointed Elder H. McKnight and Bro. J. B. Quin Reading Clerks.

3. Called for and read Letters from twenty-two Churches, enrolled the names of their Delegates, and minuted their statistics.

4. The Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; Bros. Isa. Cain and Wm. L. Johns, tellers, who reported that Elder Z. Reeves was re-elected Moderator, and Bro. G. P. Claughton Clerk.

5. Ministering Brethren present invited to seats with us, and to participate with us in our deliberations.

6. Bro. J. R. Cotton requested leave of absence, which was granted.

7. The door was then open for the reception of Churches, when the Macedonia Church presented a Petitionary Letter by the hands of her Delegates, Wm. East and Wm. Ellzey, which, on examination, was found orthodox, and admitted into our union.

8. Appointed Elder H. McKnight Assistant Clerk.

9. Appointed Bros. J. B. Quin, W. L. Johns and H. A. Davis, a Committee on Preaching.

10. Received Correspondence from Sister Associations, and the hand of fellowship extended to their Messengers, as follows, viz:

Pearl River—Elders Wm. Fortenberry and Samuel B. Mullen, with a Letter and package of Minutes.

Union—Elders W. F. Green and A. R. Lum, with a package of Minutes.

11. A Letter soliciting Correspondence received from the Ebenezer Association, by the hands of her Messengers, Elders J. P. Martin and N. Robertson, Jr., and Correspondence opened, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her Messengers, and they invited to seats.

12. Elder S. J. Caldwell received as a Messenger from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and the right hand extended, who was invited to a seat.

13. Appointed on Correspondence, as follows, viz:

Mississippi River—Elder H. McKnight to write, and Elder M. W. Chrestman and Bro. J. L. Downs Messengers.

Union—Elder M. W. Chrestman to write, and Elders H. McKnight, M. W. Chrestman and A. McKenzie Messengers.

Pearl River—Elder W. Clark to write, and Elders W. Clark and Z. Reeves Messengers.

Eastern La.—Bro. J. B. Quin to write, and Elder W. Clark Messenger.

Ebenezer—Elder A. McKenzie to write, and Elders A. McKenzie and W. Clark Messengers.

14. Appointed Elder H. McKnight to draft an Obituary of Elders A. Cloy and M. Seale.

15. Appointed Bro. J. B. Quin Treasurer of the funds sent up by the Churches for Missionary and benevolent purposes.

16. Appointed a Financial Committee, viz: Bros. Isa. Cain, J. W. Felder and L. Perkins, together with the Treasurer.

17. Appointed a Committee of Arrangement and Revision, viz: Elders A. McKenzie, W. Clark and H. McKnight, with the Moderator and Clerk.

18. The Committee on Preaching reported that Elders N. Robertson, Jr., J. P. Martin, W. F. Green and H. McKnight preach on Lord's-day in the order of their names.

The stand being occupied, since the Introductory, by Elders Wm. Fortenberry and Isaac Muse, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning; concluding prayer by Elder J. P. Martin.

EXERCISES ON THE SABBATH.

The congregation assembled at the an early hour, in the grove, and Elder N. Robertson, Jr., preached from the 1st Epistle General of John, 4th chapter and 10th verse. Theme: the sovereign love of God. He was followed by Elder J. P. Martin, from Gal. 4th chap. and 4th, 5th and 6th verses. Theme: the redemption of sinners. An intermission of thirty minutes was given for refreshment; after which the congregation again seated themselves, and Elder W. F. Green preached from St. John, 18th chap. and a part of the 36th verse—"My Kingdom is not of this world." Theme: the necessary qualifications of the subjects of the Kingdom of Christ and their obligations to obey their King, and the final result. In consequence of the bad health of Elder H. McKnight, Elder M. W. Chrestman was appointed to fill his place, and preached from Acts of the Apostles, 17th chap. and 30th verse. Theme: Repentance.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Delegates.	Counties.	Post Offices.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Dismissed.	Whites.	Colored.	Total in Fellowship.	Ministers.	Copies of Minutes.	Contributions.	Sunday Meetings.
N. Providence	R. J. Causey,	Amite	Liberty	8	1	1		2	4	74	45	119		50	$10 00	4th
Ebenezer	L. Perkins,	Amite	Rose Hill	5		2			4	89	43	132		75	10 00	3rd
East Fork	Wm. L. Johns, Z. Reeves,	Amite	Liberty	10	1	1	1	1	2	70	16	86	1	50	8 00	2d
Zion Hill	J. W. Felder, Isa. Cain,	Amite	Zion Hill	9	2			1		49	14	63	1	40	6 00	3rd
Shiloh	Jas. A. Jenkins, A Letter, but no Delegation.	Wilkinson	H. Retreat						1	5	66	71		24	2 00	3rd
Galilee	A. McKenzie, G. P. Claughton,	Amite	Centreville		1	3		2	2	94	21	115	1	70	10 00	2d
Hopewell	L. Whorton,	Franklin	Meadville					2	6	12	6	18		20	3 00	
Marshill	W. F. Cain, Wm. Marsalus,	Amite	Smithdale			1			1	25	1	26		30	5 00	1st
Salem	P. Bond ✓	Pike	Holmesvi'e	3	1			2	3	41	12	53	1	35	4 00	3rd
Friendship	No Communicat'n,	Pike	Holmesvi'e													
Ramah	S. Coward, W. Clark,	Amite	Smithdale	5								18	1	15	4 00	2d
Jackson	M. W. Chrestman,	E. Feliciana	Jackson	11	8		1	8		21	95	116	1	30	5 00	2, 4,
Mt. Pleasant	J. Reeves, T. Reeves,	Pike	Holmesvi'e		1	1		3		29	4	34		40	5 00	
Liberty	H. McKnight, J. B. Turnipseed, C. J. Bates,	Amite	Liberty	45	4	2		2	2			162	1	75	12 00	1, 3,
Mt. Zion	W. Cotton, J. R. Cotton,	Franklin	Meadville	15	3		1	1	4	31	7	38		40	6 00	
Friendship	Jas. E. Byrd, J. W. Oliver,	Franklin	Friendship	7					9	32	1	33		25	3 00	2d
Spring Hill	W. Seale, A. Richmond,	Franklin	Knoxville				1	1	2	17	1	18		25	3 00	1st
Mt. Zion	H. A. Davis, J. H. Norman,	Copiah	Colamer	6	3			1	1	55	2	57		35	6 00	4th
Bogue Chitto	J. Walker, J. B. Quin,	Pike	Holmesvi'e	2	4			2	2	87	20	107		60	11 30	1st
Mt. Moriah	W. Terner, U. Gill,	Lawrence	Brookhavn									32	1	25	5 50	3rd
Sarepta	E. McCaa, C. Stewart,	Franklin	Malcolm	6		1		2	1	28		28	1	30	4 00	4th
New Salem	No Communicat'n															
Percy's Creek	J. L. Downs, S. E. McDonald,	Wilkinson	Woodville	3				2		29	22	51	1	40	5 00	2, 4,
Mt. Olive	M. Whittington, N. S. Rawlinson,	Franklin	Homochito				1		2	11	3	14		20	3 00	1st
Macedonia	Wm. East, Wm. Ellzey,	Copiah	Friendship	3	4							16	1	20	2 00	1st
				138	33	12	5	32	46	799	379	1407	11	874	132 80	

MONDAY MORNING.

19. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder N. Robertson, Jr.

20. The Committee of Arrangements made their report, as follows, viz:

1. Call the Roll.
2. Read the Rules of Decorum.
3. Call for Reports.
4. Call for Correspond'g Letters.
5. Call for Queries.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Appointments.
8. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted.

A. McKenzie, Chairman.

21. The Roll was called.

22. Read the Rules of Decorum.

23. Reports called for. The Committee on Preaching reported that Elders A. R. Lum, W. F. Green and J. Muse preach to-day, in the order of their names.

24. The Committee, appointed by this body at its last session to visit the New Salem Church, and inquire into her situation, reported as follows, viz:

The undersigned visited the site of the New Salem Church shortly after our appointment, and found only two or three members who considered themselves in good standing—and they reported to us, that they had not had a Church Meeting in twelve months, and they did not consider there were enough steady members to form a quorum to do business. We also found their Preacher, who himself was a member with them, in the grossest disorder. We exhorted them to call a meeting, and exercise the Gospel discipline on those in disorder, and purge themselves, and keep up prayer meeting, &c. We preached and prayed for them. Respectfully submitted.

Z. Reeves,
A. McKenzie,
W. F. Cain.

25. Corresponding Letters called for, read and adopted.

26. The Financial Committee reported, which was adopted. [See Appendix A. and B.

27. Appointed Correspondence to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, as follows, viz: Elder A. McKenzie to write, and Elders A. McKenzie and M. W. Chrestman, and Bros. W. F. Cain, J. B. Quin and C. J. Bates, Messengers.

28. Query from the Galilee Church—"When a member in fellowship in the Church desires to be cut off, is it consistent with the spirit of the Gospel to retain such a one in the Church." The query taken up, and a Committee appointed to answer the same, viz: Elders H. McKnight, W. Clark, M. W. Chrestman, N. Robertson, Jr., and W. Fortenberry, who reported as follows, viz:

"We think that it is not consistent with the spirit of the Gospel to

retain a member in the Church against his will or desire; but advise in such a case, that the Church should faithfully labor with such a member before resorting to the act of exclusion."

29. The Corresponding Letter to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention read and adopted.

30. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Baptist College, located at Clinton, Miss., to the sympathies, patronage and support of the denomination in our bounds.

31. *Resolved*, That we request our Churches to send up money to our next Annual Meeting, to be appropriated to the education of a rising Ministry, under the supervision of the Mississippi Baptist Education Society.

32. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the sympathies and patronage of the Brethren and Churches, composing our Association, the Western Recorder and the Tennessee Baptist, Baptist religious papers, the former published at Louisville, Ky., and the latter at Nashville, Tenn.

33. *Whereas*, there is at this time a great opening and constant, earnest appeals made both from the Heathen and our beloved Brethren who are laboring in Heathen lands, for the Gospel and more faithful laborers to promulgate the truth of the glorious Gospel—and in consideration of the great want of means in the Treasury of the Foreign Board to carry out their benevolent and praiseworthy designs.

Therefore, be it resolved, That this important subject commends itself with peculiar force to the Christian sympathy, prayers and liberal patronage of all who love our Saviour and his Gospel; and we do most earnestly recommend to the Ministers of our Association to bring this subject before their several Churches and congregations, and recommend to the Churches to respond to the call of their Pastors, and take up a free-will contribution for that purpose, and send it up to the Treasurer of this Association, to aid in sending the Gospel to the benighted Heathen.

34. *Resolved*, That Domestic Missions claim our peculiar regard—that circumstances have been and are now transpiring, which call for efforts to be made by the people of God to sustain the Domestic Mission cause—that we recommend to the Ministers of this Association to present the cause to their respective Churches and congregations during the present Associational year, requesting the Churches and congregations to respond to the same by liberal free-will offerings to God for the support of said cause; and to send up the same to this Association, that the same may be forwarded to such bodies for that purpose, as the Association may deem proper, or as the respective Churches may direct.

35. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body is due to the Brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their liberal manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

36. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk of this Association, for the faithful and impartial manner with which they have each discharged their respective duties.

37. Appointed Bro. W. F. Cain and Elders Z. Reeves and A. McKenzie a Committee to visit the New Salem Church, and to inquire into her situation, and report the same to this body at its next session.

38. Appointed Elder Z. Reeves to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder A. McKenzie his alternate.

39. Appointed Elder H. McKnight to prepare a Circular Letter.

40. Appointed the next Meeting of this body to be held with the New Providence Church, Amite county, Mississippi, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1853.

41. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing of twelve hundred copies of the Minutes of this Meeting of the Association, and that he receive the usual compensation; and that he draw on the Treasurer for funds to defray the expenses thereof.

42. Elder H. McKnight, who was appointed to prepare an Obituary of Elders Moses Seale and Adam Cloy, requested the liberty of preparing them, and handing them to the Clerk; which request was granted. [See Appendix C.]

43. The Minutes read for correction; after which the Moderator delivered an appropriate exhortation, and requested the Brethren, while singing a hymn of praise, to give the parting hand, which was done, and Elder J. P. Martin led in prayer, and we were dismissed.

ZACHARIAH REEVES, Moderator.

G. P. CLAUGHTON, Clerk.

Ministers of the Mississippi Baptist Association.

SHADRACK COKER,
ZACHARIAH REEVES,
HAMILTON MCKNIGHT,
WILSON CLARK,
ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,
CALVIN MAGEE,
M. W. CHRESTMAN,
ROLAND WILKINSON,
WILLIAM THOMPSON,
ELIHU MCCAA,
T. KINGSBERRY,
J. D. MCFARLAND.

William East, Licentiate.

Appendix A.

Report of the Financial Committee.

Debit.

In the hands of the Treasurer,	$ 1 78	
Contributions of the Churches,	132 80	—134 58

Credit.

Paid S. Coker per W. F. Cain,	$ 8 00	
Paid for superintending these Minutes,	15 00	
Paid for printing these Minutes,	37 50	—60 50
In the hands of the Treasurer,		$ 74 08

Respectfully submitted.

ISAIAH CAIN,
LEWIS PERKINS,
J. W. FELDER,
} Committee.

Appendix B.

Amount of Funds sent up to the Association for Special Purposes.

From Galilee Church. *Indian Missions*—$10 00. From Jackson Church. *Education of Ministers*—$5 00. From Marshill Church. *Indian Missions* $5 00. *Domestic Missions* $5 00. *Bible Cause in China*—$5 00. From Zion Hill. *Foreign Missions*—$2 00. *Indian Missions*—$2 00. *Domestic Missions*—$2 00. *Bible Cause*—$7 50. From Bogue Chitto. *Foreign Missions*—$26 55. *Indian Missions*—13 30. *Domestic Missions* $1 00. *Bible Cause*—$5 50. From Percy's Creek. *Foreign Missions*—$5 00. *Domestic Missions*—$1 00. Amount in the former Treasurer's hands as per report, 15 cents. Total amount received, $96 00.

Respectfully submitted. Jas. B. Quin, Treasurer.

Examined and approved. J. W. Felder, L. Perkins, Isa. Cain, } Financial Com.

Appendix C.

Obituary of Elders Moses Seale and Adam Cloy.

This Association has heard, with profound regret, the intelligence of the death of our beloved Brethren, Elders Moses Seale and Adam Cloy.

Elder Moses Seale departed this life on the 24th day of January, 1852. He was, at the time of his death, the Pastor of the Sarepta Church; which Church, in its Letter referring to the death of our Brother, uses the following language, "while we deeply regret our loss, we hope our loss is his gain." Doubtless our Brother has gone from his labors on earth to the rest above.

Elder Adam Cloy departed this life in the early part of the present year. He professed the religion of Christ and was baptized, on the 20th April, 1833; was licensed to preach in September, 1846, and ordained to the full work of the Ministry on the 17th day of January, 1852; and died on the 7th March, 1852. In a few months after his consecration to the ministerial office, has this servant of God been called home to his rest. He died in the "full hope of happiness."

While our Brethren are thus being removed from among us, it becomes us to heed the Saviour's exhortation, "Be ye also ready." We shall soon have to pass away—let us then be found faithful. As watchmen upon Zion are thus one after another taken; let us be fervent in prayer, that the Lord would send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

We sympathize with the friends and relatives of our deceased Brethren, and pay the Lord to sanctify His afflictive Providence to their spiritual good.

Appendix D.

Treasurer's Report.

GEO. F. WEBB, Treasurer of Missionary Fund,
1852. *In account with Miss. Association.*

Your Treasurer charges himself with this sum received as per Report made at last Meeting of your Body—[See Minutes.] - - - - -	$102 65
Your Treasurer prays allowance for the following items, viz:	
By this sum mailed to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Baptist Denomination at Richmond, Virginia,	102 50
Balance in your Treasurer's hands,	$. 15

The above sum was directed to be distributed as follows, viz: [See Minutes of Association. Appendix B. herewith filed.]

All of which is respectfully submitted.

September 30, 1852. GEO. F. WEBB, Treasurer.

Appendix E,

Postmaster's Certificate.

Mailed on this 26th June, 1852, by G. F Webb, one $100 bill on Canal Bank, N. O., La., marked letter C, No. 1168, dated Oct. 1st, 1845; also, one gold piece, $2 50, to the address of the Board of Foreign Missions, Baptist Denomination, Richmond, Va. Registered G. F. W., p'd by stamps.

I hereby certify that the above-described money was deposited in the Post Office, directed as above stated, on the day and date above mentioned.

June 26th, 1852. (Signed) R. M. NEILSON, P. M.